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I am opposed to removing the Morse code requirements for obtaining High Frequency (HF) privileges. I understand everyone would like to make it easier to obtain a license but at what cost. Removing the Morse code requirement would create a generation of hams that could not tap out a distress message with two wires in an emergency when their microphone malfunctions. Morse code is Ham Radio. It's a major part of the hobby. If a person does not want to learn Morse code they should look for another hobby or possibly just buy a CB radio if all they want to do is talk on a microphone. I don't buy the excuse that most hams don't operate CW. If you use that logic then why required a test on electronics. Most hams don't build their own radios anymore and very few if any repair their own equipment. All the hams I know send their radio back to the manufacturer if they have a problem. Many of them don't even like electronics, they only want to talk on a radio so why make them take an electronic test or is that next.

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